From:
Date: August 9, 2024 at 3:58:23 PM PDT
To: rick.ayala@sduhsd.net
Subject: More houses coming nearby (if approved)

Hello Principal Ayala,

We live two blocks east of Sunset High School where there is a proposal to build 27 new homes on Ocean Bluff. An Environmental Impact Report will be focused on several issues, including **transportation**. Comments from public agencies are requested to be submitted no later than 5:00pm August 12, 2024 to Estaban Danna, Senior Planner, Development Services Department, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue , Encinitas, CA 92024 or via email, edanna@encinitasca.gov

I don't know that school administrations or the District Superintendent get notified by the city, but I thought best to alert you. I will send a separate letter to Anne Staffieri. I have already emailed Cara Dolnik.

I've researched & found the traffic study conducted for this development was on a Tuesday, August 30, 2022. It clearly requires an update due to the current increased traffic. We neighbors have all learned to avoid Requeza, Melba, Nardo, Westlake, and all streets around both high schools during start and release times. It is often grid-locked.

I recently drove over a counting device on Quail Gardens Rd. during the week of July 8, 2024. It is baffling to me that "traffic" would be counted during the emptiest time of year for Encinitas. Parking lots were empty everywhere that week. Encinitas was a ghost town. There are two stop signs being added on Quail Gardens Rd., the reason for that particular "study".

The anxiety of traffic feeds into the already stressed new drivers. I know the school administrators must be aware of these increased dangers for not only vehicular drivers but all the E-bikers commuting to/from school, not to mention pedestrians.

I hope to draw attention for the need of additional, appropriately-timed, and more accurate traffic studies to be addressed. Too many new homes getting constructed on the routes to a handful of schools affects the safety of students and families' decisions on which schools to attend based on horrific traffic problems.

Please consider the demand that the City of Encinitas Planning & Development conducts additional traffic studies once school begins this Fall semester of 2024. Decreasing the number of proposed (27)homes at not only Ocean Bluff, but also (30) on Melba would be a safer resolution for the high schools, junior high, and elementary schools that are located between these two proposed developments. The developments have not been approved yet.

I urge you to also ask that during the couple of years that construction will inevitably occur perhaps there can be a restriction on construction materials / delivery/ workers adding to the traffic during your school's start time & release schedules. I will be sending emails to the

following committees to suggest law enforcement partnership for construction limitations (and hope that you can also contact them to put more attention on this coming problem.)
Public Health & Safety Commission: Lois Yum : lyum@encinitasca.gov
Mobility & Traffic Safety Commission (works with law enforcement), Amanda Bariteau : abariteau@encinitasca.gov
Encinitas Traffic Management subcommittee, Bruce Ehlers : behlers@encinitasca.gov

On behalf of the residential neighbors, thank you in advance for any help on this serious matter. I do apologize that the timing of my letter falls just as school is welcoming students back on campus.

Gratefully,